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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.-43. (canceled)

44. (currently amended) An apparatus for actuating movement of an implantable medical device a sample carrier during in vitro testing, the apparatus comprising:

means for supporting the implantable medical device a sample carrier in a container; and a drivable component attached to the sample carrier implantable medical device supporting means, the drivable component including means for actuating the drivable component and the sample carrier implantable medical device supporting means to move together in the container, the actuating means responsive to non-contacting coupling with a driving source disposed entirely outside the container.

45. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 44, wherein the actuating means includes a magnet for magnetic coupling with the driving source.

46. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 44, wherein the sample carrier implantable medical device supporting means includes a body, a first support member and a second support member, the first and second support members attached to the body and axially spaced from each other for securing the sample carrier implantable medical device between the first and second support members.

47. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 46, wherein at least one of the first and second support members is axially adjustable along the body for varying the space between the first and second support members.

48. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 47, wherein the first and second support members include respective first and second surfaces for contacting opposing ends of the sample carrier implantable medical device, and the first and second surfaces are tapered for providing full contact with sample carrier implantable medical device ends of differing dimensions.

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49. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 44, further including the driving source coupled to the actuating means.

50. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 49, wherein the driving source includes an external magnet and the actuating means includes an internal magnet for magnetic coupling with the external magnet.

51. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 50, wherein the driving source includes a movable platform supporting the external magnet.

52. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 44, further including the container, wherein the container includes a first container section having a first dimension defining a first section volume in which the drivable component moves, and a second container section having a second dimension different from the first dimension and defining a second section volume in which the ~~sample-carrier implantable medical device~~ supporting means moves, the second section volume being different from the first section volume.

53. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 44, further including the container, and a closure member sealing the container for substantially preventing loss of contents from the container during movement of the drivable component and the ~~sample-carrier implantable medical device~~ supporting means, the closure member being physically separate from the drivable component and the ~~sample-carrier implantable medical device~~ supporting means.

54. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 53, wherein the closure member includes a body covering an opening of the container, and a pick-up magnet attached to the body for magnetically coupling with the drivable component to facilitate handling of the ~~sample-carrier implantable medical device~~ supporting means without manually contacting the ~~sample-carrier implantable medical device~~ supporting means.

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55-63. (canceled)

Please add the following new claims:

64. (new) An apparatus for actuating movement of a dosage form during in vitro testing, the apparatus comprising:

means for supporting the dosage form in a container; and
a drivable component attached to the dosage form supporting means, the drivable component including means for actuating the drivable component and the dosage form supporting means to move together in the container, the actuating means responsive to non-contacting coupling with a driving source disposed entirely outside the container.

65. (new) The apparatus of claim 64, wherein the actuating means includes a magnet for magnetic coupling with the driving source.

66. (new) The apparatus of claim 64, wherein the dosage form supporting means includes a body, a first support member and a second support member, the first and second support members attached to the body and axially spaced from each other for securing the dosage form between the first and second support members.

67. (new) The apparatus of claim 66, wherein at least one of the first and second support members is axially adjustable along the body for varying the space between the first and second support members.

68. (new) The apparatus of claim 64, further including the driving source coupled to the actuating means.

69. (new) The apparatus of claim 68, wherein the driving source includes an external magnet and the actuating means includes an internal magnet for magnetic coupling with the external magnet.

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70. (new) The apparatus of claim 69, wherein the driving source includes a movable platform supporting the external magnet.

71. (new) The apparatus of claim 64, further including the container, wherein the container includes a first container section having a first dimension defining a first section volume in which the drivable component moves, and a second container section having a second dimension different from the first dimension and defining a second section volume in which the dosage form supporting means moves, the second section volume being different from the first section volume.

72. (new) The apparatus of claim 64, further including the container, and a closure member sealing the container for substantially preventing loss of contents from the container during movement of the drivable component and the dosage form supporting means, the closure member being physically separate from the drivable component and the dosage form supporting means.

73. (new) The apparatus of claim 72, wherein the closure member includes a body covering an opening of the container, and a pick-up magnet attached to the body for magnetically coupling with the drivable component to facilitate handling of the dosage form supporting means without manually contacting the dosage form supporting means.